

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mark Ekeland began employment with South Dakota State University (SDSU) 22 years ago; and,

Whereas, Mark served as head baseball coach for 20 years; and,

Whereas, Mark guided SDSU to 19 straight winning seasons and is the university's all time leader in baseball coaching with 561 victories; and,

Whereas, Mark's teams qualified for six NCAA playoff appearances; and,

Whereas, Mark retired from coaching due to a health issue; and,

Whereas, Mark is being honored during ceremonies at a hometown doubleheader in Brookings against North Dakota State University; and,

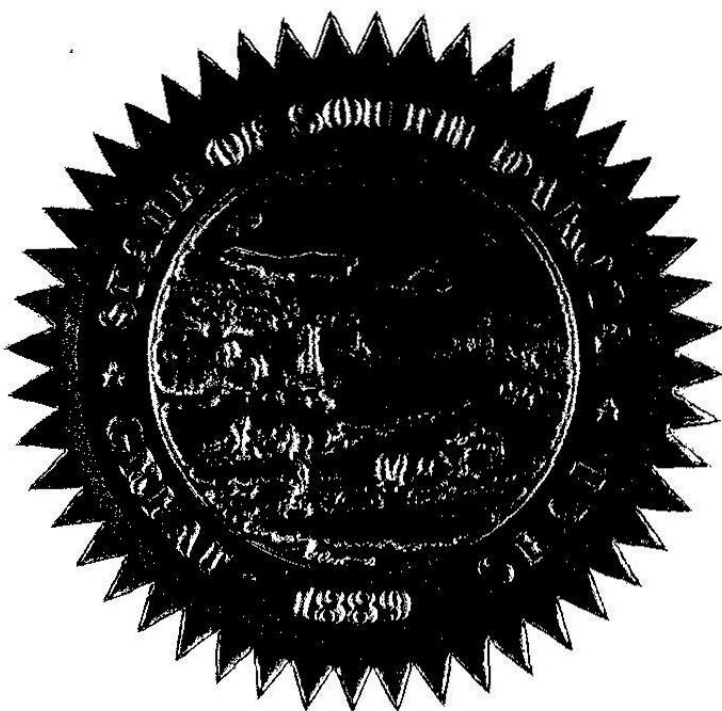
Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of milestones in the lives of South Dakota's dedicated and loyal public servants:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2005, as

MARK EKELAND DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State